

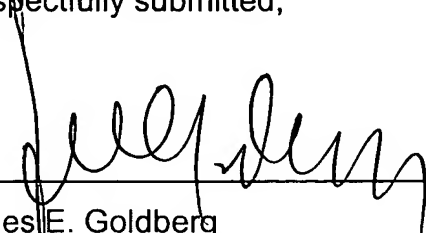
REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted to include the cross-referencing of the parent application and Japanese priority and to cancel claims 1-9 and 17-18 No new matter is added. Entry into the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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